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Princess Stefanie enjoys life as court member

Princess Stefanie Skultety of the 1995 Morrow County Fair and Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo is an Eastern Oregon convert who has attained the status of a true ranch hand.

Born in Portland, 17 year-old Stefanie is the daughter of Chris and Judy Skultety. She has an older sister, Cynthia, in Phoenix, and older brother, Bobby at home and a younger brother, Tommy, a pennant bearer for this year's court. Five years ago, the Skultetys moved to a ranch near Heppner. They are now living on a 28 acre mini-ranch near Stanfield.

Princess Stefanie has been involved with horses since she was very young. With her natural ability and by working with trainers, she has attained the skill of training horses including her own young Arabian mare and her court horse, "Double Doc Frost", a five year old bay quarter horse.

"Eastern Oregon is more relaxed and comfortable, but there's a lot more work," says Princess Stefanie, a four year 4-H member. That work includes her Romagnola cattle, horses and a Saler crossbred steer that she is preparing for this year's fair. She has shown the 1994 Grand Champion Romagnola calf at the California State Fair and the Junior Pacific International in Prineville. As an assistant, she has gone to the Northwest National Livestock Show in Denver and other livestock shows and sales where she says she has gained experience to help her with her own cattle.

When at home, she can be found irrigating, painting and making repairs to upgrade their present holdings, a job shared with her brother Tommy. Her brother Bobby and her father are truck drivers who spend long hours on the road. And it's not unusual for this fastidious, pretty princess to be on the receiving end of an unwanted baptism while helping work cattle behind the chutes. However, her philosophy is that "if a person doesn't want to do a job well, then they shouldn't be there in the first place."

And that theory seems to serve her well in life as well as a court member. She says she has attained a comfort level in learning to speak in public, meeting new people and receiving public recognition. When asked about her ready smile, she quipped, "that's my job". Highlights of this summer, Stefanie says, are the friendships developed with

Princess Stephanie Skultety

Height: 5'6"

Eyes: Blue

Hair: Blond

Parents: Chris & Judy

Age: 17 yrs, Senior
Stanfield High School

Activities: 4-H member,
FFA, Outdoor Club, Wild
Horse Club, Sports, dance
team



other courts and meeting the current Miss Rodeo Oregon and Washington.

She admits that there are more conveniences available as a resident of the metro areas. But the change in lifestyle has given her an "unforgettable experience as a court member" at which she excels as an ambassador for the county. Court members have handed out brochures, put up posters and participated in parades all summer. Attendance at the Sisters and Joseph rodeos stand out among these events, she says, as well as manning a booth as a fund raiser at a livestock seminar in Hermiston.

Court members have visited the Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home and paid a visit to the Day Care Center, taking along a horse for the children to pet. Court members have also worked individually to finance additional court wardrobe items including jeans, skirts and blouses. A Black Hills Gold ring, as a fund raiser, will be awarded during the rodeo.

Princess Stefanie will be a

senior at Stanfield High School this year. But she still has an attachment for the Heppner school, where she participated on the dance team for two years, played golf for two seasons and played volleyball. She was a member of the Outdoor Club, FFA and the Wild Horse Club, while taking her academic level seriously as an honor roll student.

This well-rounded young lady seizes every opportunity to enhance her life. She has gone to various clinics and mini-schools to receive training for horses, cattle and dogs. And although she leans towards the animal world, she is also very active in her church and youth group. She participated in World Youth Day at Denver during the Pope's visit there.

Focusing on her current role, Princess Stefanie says she is looking forward to her "adopted" hometown fair and rodeo that is well supported by the community. "It's an honor," she exclaims, "to be center front."



One of the many court duties is to hand out awards and ribbons before and during fair. Princess Stefanie gives awards during Morrow County Horse Show.

New Dentist at Heppner Clinic

Not too many eighth graders know what they want to be when they grow up...and actually carry through with it. But, Paul Marshall, is an exception.

Marshall, now 27, knew before he was in the eighth grade that he wanted to become a dentist.

He indeed fulfilled that dream and is now in practice at the Heppner Dental Clinic, replacing Dr. Blair Smith.

Health district officials originally intended that Smith and Marshall share both the Heppner and Boardman Dental Clinic practices, but unusual circumstances prevailed. On the day Marshall arrived, it was discovered that he is left handed, so all the equipment for the chairs, geared for right-handed Smith, had to be reversed. Since Smith speaks fluent Spanish, it was decided that Smith practice at the Boardman clinic and Marshall at the Heppner clinic.

The Morrow County Health District hired an additional dentist to cope with the burgeoning practices at both north and south county clinics. Patients at the Heppner clinic now have a two-month wait for non-emergency appointments.

The Heppner Dental Clinic will be open four days a week. Office hours at the Heppner clinic will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and alternating Mondays and Fridays 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a short lunch break.

Dr. Marshall was born in Van Nuys, California, but also spent time in Richmond Virginia. The family moved back to Califor-



Paul Marshall

nia and Marshall spent much of his youth in a town around 30 minutes east of the Pacific Ocean.

Marshall attended UCLA, but graduated from the University of California at Riverside with a degree in biology in 1989. While California has five dental schools, Marshall says that they just weren't right for him and, instead because of the people and the beauty of the Northwest, chose to attend dental school at Portland. He graduated from Oregon's dental school in 1994.

After graduation Marshall decided to enroll in a dental residency program in Connecticut which would provide advanced education in general dentistry. Dentists are not required to complete a residency program.

Marshall said he enjoyed the four seasons in Connecticut, but "for the second time in his life, was drawn back to Oregon". Marshall said that his decision to come to Heppner was partly because of the "tremendous need" for an additional dentist in Morrow

County and partially because of the people he met here.

Marshall says that he thinks his residency will be a great benefit to him. He adds that he was able to learn about new materials and new methods and also because it gave him experience. In other words, he isn't "fresh out of dental school". Marshall believes that preventative dentistry is the key to successful dentistry. "We want to show you how help yourself," he said. "We also want to really make an effort to get patients to a relaxed and comfortable state when we work," Marshall added.

Marshall says that being a Boy Scout and an Eagle Scout were a big part of his growing up years. Now he enjoys hiking, camping and "a little" fishing and says that he is anxious to get to know outdoors around this area. He also enjoys bicycling and running and ran cross country in high school. He likes to do five and 10 k runs.

Multi-faceted, Marshall also enjoys model trains and has an interest in music. He played the trumpet in a marching band at UCLA and took drum set lessons at UC at Riverside. During dental school he put together a band with friends. One of his brothers (Marshall is the oldest of four children), Brian, is a guitar player in a band, called Tex Twill, based in LA, which is starting to tour.

An open house reception, which will provide area people an opportunity to get to know Dr. Marshall, is planned for this Thursday, Aug. 10, from 6 to 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to stop by.

Decision expected on park withdrawals

The Morrow County Court will hold a public hearing Tuesday, August 15, 7:30 p.m. at the Morrow County courthouse on petitions filed by landowners to withdraw from the Willow Creek Park District.

Many of the landowners have filed the petitions claiming they gain no benefit from being part of the district, which has financed an RV park at Willow Creek Lake, and recently received voter approval to sell \$975,000 in bonds and levy \$36,000 for construction and operation of a swimming pool in Heppner.

Public testimony on the proposed withdrawals is being encouraged by the county court either in person or through letters to the Park District secretary at P.O. Box 263, Lone 97843.

The hearing next Tuesday is part of the process the county court will use in deciding whether to grant withdrawal from the district to the petitioners.

Withdrawing from the district will not necessarily relieve those property owners from obligation to pay construction bonds on the Heppner pool, however, it would alleviate their paying the

operating costs. The operating costs would then be shifted to property owners still included in the park district.

Formation of the park district and approval of the bonds and operating levy have been approved by voters, even though the lone precinct voted heavily against it.

At a public meeting in Lone July 17 many voiced objection to the park district and the money being spent on the Heppner pool. When told by the Morrow County school

district that major repairs needed by the lone pool, whose operation is paid for through the school district, could cost \$324,000, money the school district says it doesn't have, many at the meeting both disputed the figures and indicated the park district wasn't needed to provide funding. They said repairs to the lone

pool could be financed through community donations.

The Morrow County court has the final authority to grant withdrawals from the park district, and a decision on some of those withdrawal petitions is expected Tuesday night. Another hearing on a second batch of withdrawal petitions will be held Sept. 18.

Rodeo entry deadline set

The local entries for the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo need to be in by Friday, August 11, at 5 p.m. The Procom number is 1 800 234-PRCA (7722).

Marlene Currin, rodeo secretary, will accept entries and entry fees beginning Monday, August 7.

The Morrow County Rodeo entries may be called in to Currin at 676-9711 beginning on

Sunday, August 13, at 9 a.m. Entries will close on Monday, August 14 at 6 p.m. Entry fees must be paid by Thursday, August 17. The mailing address is: Marlene Currin, Rt. 2, Box 2290, Heppner, OR. 97836.

The rodeo office at the fairgrounds will accept payments after 5:15 p.m. until August 17.

Juveniles injured in auto accident

Five juveniles were transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner following a one-vehicle accident on Sunday, August 6 around 9:20 p.m. The accident occurred on Highway 207

south of Heppner.

According to Sheridan Tarnasky, director of nursing at Pioneer Memorial Hospital, there weren't any serious injuries, but two juveniles were kept overnight for observation.

Volunteers sought to paint fair booth

Members of the Morrow County State Fair Booth Committee are looking for volunteers to assist in the painting of a large 8' x 15' mural of Morrow County. Volunteers of any age are welcome and all supplies will be provided.

"The Fair Booth Committee really needs your help. If we don't get assistance soon, we may be forced to take Dave

Green up on his offer to paint the mural himself," Greg Smith joked. "Please don't do this to Morrow County."

Anyone interested in helping out on the project should contact Smith at 676-5343 or 676-5154. Those assisting the project will receive two free passes to the Oregon State Fair and a "pat on the back".

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